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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" At least in the case of lady candidates would not the present system of admissions be revised so that all ladies who apply for admission may be admitted? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Unless the hon. Member means to say that ladies should have all the preference and no question of merits shall apply to their case, we may not be able to consider his proposition; but I thought that the hon. Member was more interested in merit than on the sole question of sex only."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Though I am interested in the question of admission on merit, still I find that in the case of lady candidates, they are made victims of communal admissions and last year I saw two ladies only of a particular community were admitted into two different colleges; at least would this discrimination stop in the case of lady candidates? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is no special discrimination in favour of lady candidates as such."

SRI M. NARAYANA MENON :—" May I know, Sir, how merit has been defined? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I would refer the hon. Member to a suitable dictionary."

SRI M. NARAYANA MENON :—" Would the psychiatric test be applied to the applicants for consideration of merit? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If the hon. Member defines merit as he understands it, I will be able to understand the meaning of the question; as it is, I do not understand the question."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Did considerations of merit which the Hon. Minister stated apply to admissions for 1949–50? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Ayacut under the Tungabhadra Project.

* 63 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the extent of wet and dry irrigation provided under the Tungabhadra Project is;

(*b*) what the length of the main canal and of the subsidiary canals provided is;

(*c*) what the progress so far made in the construction of the dam and the main canal is;

(*d*) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to increase the wet ayacut under the project;

(*e*) if the answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether any decision has been arrived at;

(*f*) whether increase of acreage under wet ayacut necessitates realignment of the main canal;

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(g) whether such increase alters the main scheme of the project;

(h) whether the acreage under wet cultivation increases necessitating to that extent decrease in dry irrigation;

(i) whether the proposed change leaves out of the purview of the project areas which were to benefit under the original scheme; and

(j) whether there is a proposal to take up the High Level Canal Scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) It is estimated that under the Tungabhadra Project Low Level Canal Scheme, the area under wet crops will be about 58,000 acres and that of dry irrigated crops will be about 192,000 acres.

" (b) The length of the main canal is 225 miles, the first 15 miles being known as Power Canal. The length of the subsidiary canals is as follows :—

Kurnool—Thirty miles long.

Distributaries—Aggregate length—two hundred miles (approximately).

" (c) The dam excavation has almost been completed to a length of 2,700 feet and about 8·6 million cubic feet have been excavated. Drilling and grouting foundations have been completed in one reach and are in progress in two other reaches. Concreting of foundations has been completed in isolated pockets and a quantity of 18,100 cubic feet of concrete has been laid. The masonry works are also in progress, about 200,000 cubic feet of masonry having been put in so far. The camp with all amenities such as lighting, water-supply, roads, posts and telegraphs, railway station, hospital, health services, etc., has been formed. The work on the main canal excavation is also progressing and excavation for about 35 miles has been completed. Masonry works on the canal system are also in progress and the work on Hagari aqueduct is in good progress. The localization of ayacut under two distributaries has been completed and is in progress in two others. The works are in good progress and programmed for completion by end of 1952.

" (d) Yes.

" (e) No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

" (f) to (i). These are under consideration and no decision has been reached.

" (j) A High Level Canal Scheme was already investigated but only as an alternative to the Low Level Canal Scheme. Since however, the latter has actually been taken up and is under execution, the former has to be re-investigated for being taken up in addition to the latter. In the present design of the dam sufficient capacity has been provided to take off a high level canal and the necessary sluice for letting

out water for this canal, is being built in, even now, in the masonry structure of the dam. It may be hoped that even before the completion of the present project, it would be possible to reach the necessary agreement with Hyderabad so that work on the high level canal may be taken up in continuation of the low level canal.''

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" In view of the impending separation of the Andhra Province, might I ask how much acreage is being irrigated in the Kannada taluks of Bellary and how much in the three Telugu taluks of the district? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Before coming to a decision regarding the extension of wet ayacut, will the Government be pleased to publish their tentative proposals so that the public may make due representations, as the whole project is going to undergo a great change? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Rather than publishing, I would consider consulting representatives in the Legislature before the proposals are finalized."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the fact that we propose to take up the high level canal as soon as the low level canal is completed, will they order a reinvestigation of the High Level Canal Scheme? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" It will be considered, Sir."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether the impending partition of the Province will affect the progress of the project in any way? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not at all think so, Sir."

Names of the officers re-employed after 5th March 1949.

* 64 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 214 on the 5th March 1949—

(*a*) the names of the officers who have been re-employed after the above answer was given;

(*b*) whether any or all of the officers in the list furnished have since been discharged and if not, what the date of discharge in each case is;

(*c*) whether there are cases in which further period of re-employment has been granted and if so, what period in each case;

(*d*) whether in making exceptions and granting re-employment, only those with special technical qualifications and experience have been chosen; and